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**BARROW MAN SENTENCED TO 110 MONTHS IN FEDERAL PRISON  
ON METHAMPHETAMINE DISTRIBUTION AND FIREARMS CHARGES**

Fairbanks, Alaska – Acting United States Attorney Karen L. Loeffler announced today, Monday, December 29, 2008, that Jerry Lee Donovan, a resident of Barrow, Alaska, has been sentenced in federal court in Fairbanks to 110 months imprisonment on his conviction for possession of methamphetamine with intent to distribute and being a felon in possession of firearms. Donovan was convicted after a three-day jury trial in July 2008.

United States District Court Judge Ralph R. Beistline imposed the sentence on Donovan, age 39.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Bryan Schroder and Kim Sayers-Fay, who prosecuted the case, the evidence presented at trial established that Donovan possessed methamphetamine when law enforcement officers searched his home on December 8, 2004, pursuant to a search warrant. The methamphetamine was packaged in individual bindles and straws for sale. Also during the search, the officers found numerous firearms. Donovan is prohibited from owning firearms due to two previous felony convictions, one of which was also related to illegal drugs.

Prior to imposing sentence, Judge Beistline recognized that methamphetamine distribution destroys lives, and methamphetamine dealers must be deterred from preying on the most vulnerable in our communities. Moreover, he recognized Donovan's danger to the community, including his possession of weapons.

Ms. Loeffler commended the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the North Slope Borough Police Department for the investigation leading to the conviction of Donovan.

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